

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings.

1-129. (Cancelled)

130. (Currently Amended) A method for inserting data into digital data for subsequent authentication of the digital data, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving data comprising a public key for a digital signature from a radio frequency transmission;

inserting the received data into a predetermined bits portion of the digital data; and

authenticating the digital data based on the received data.

131. (Previously Presented) A method for inserting data into digital data for subsequent authentication of the digital data, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving data comprising a public key for a digital signature from an internet link;

inserting the received data into a predetermined bits portion of the digital data; and

authenticating the digital data based on the received data.

132. (Currently Amended) A device for inserting data into a digital data for subsequent authentication of the digital data, the device comprising:

an antenna for receiving data comprising a public key for a digital signature from a radio frequency transmission;

means for inserting the received data into a predetermined bits portion of the digital data image; and

means for authenticating the digital data based on the received data.

133. (Previously Presented) A device for inserting data into a digital image for subsequent authentication of the digital image, the device comprising:

a computer capable of accessing the internet and receiving data comprising a public key for a digital signature from an internet link;

means for inserting the received data into a predetermined bits portion of the digital image; and

means for authenticating the digital image based on the received data.

134. (Cancelled)